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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Castaing, Jean-Christophe *et al.*  
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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the restriction requirement mailed September 22, 2008, for the above referenced application.

In the restriction requirement, the claims of the present application have been restricted as follows:

Group I      Claims 32-47, drawn to a method of accelerating hydraulic binder by adding hydrophilic functional group additive.  
  
Group II      Claim 48, drawn to a hydraulic cement comprising the hydrophilic functional group additive.

In response, applicants initially elect to prosecute the claims of Group I with traverse. Applicants state that in Group I a method for accelerating the setting of a hydraulic inorganic

binder composition by adding hydrophilic functional group additive is taught. Group II utilizes the same inventive concept of Group I in that both groups utilize the identical technical feature of a hydraulic inorganic binder composition. Because both groups utilize the same hydraulic inorganic binder composition, a separate search by the Examiner would not be required.

Therefore, in order to facilitate prosecution, it is respectfully requested that all the claims be examined together.

If it would be of assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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